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# GENERAL NOTICE LETTER CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Patricia Russo, President Lucent Technologies, Inc. 600 Mountain Avenue Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974

RE: Diamond Alkali Superfund Site

Notice of Potential Liability for

Response Actions in the Passaic River Study Area, Newark, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Russo:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is charged with responding to the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants into the environment and with enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq.

EPA has documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants into the Passaic River Study Area which is part of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site ("Site") located in Newark, New Jersey. By this letter, EPA is notifying Lucent Technologies, Inc. ("Lucent") of its potential liability relating to the Site pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607(a). Under CERCLA, PRPs include current and past owners of a facility, as well as persons who arranged for the disposal or treatment of hazardous substances at the Site, or the transport of hazardous substances to the Site.

Sediment in the Passaic River contain numerous hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants. Based on information that EPA has evaluated during the course of its investigation of the Site, EPA believes that hazardous materials were being released from the former Western Electric facility located at 100 Central Avenue in Kearny, New Jersey, into the Passaic River Study Area. Hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants released from the facility into the Passaic River Study Area present a risk to the environment and the humans who may ingest contaminated fish and shellfish. Therefore, Lucent may be potentially liable for all response costs which the government may incur relating to the Passaic River Study Area.

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Under Sections 106 (a) and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9606(a) and §9607(a) and other laws, potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") may be obligated to implement response actions deemed necessary by EPA to protect public health, welfare or the environment, and may be liable for all costs incurred by the government in responding to any release or threatened release at the Site. If response actions are performed by EPA rather than by the PRPs, those PRPs may be subject to legal action pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607(a), to recover public funds expended by EPA in response to the release and threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site. Such actions and costs may include, but need not be limited to, expenditures for conducting a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS"), a Remedial Design/Remedial Action, and other investigation, planning, response, oversight, and enforcement activities. In addition, responsible parties may be required to pay damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, including the cost of assessing such damages.

For your information, some RI/FS work has been performed in the Study Area by Tierra Solutions, Inc. ('TSI"), formerly known as Chemical Land Holdings, Inc., pursuant to certain contractual arrangements with the Occidental Chemical Corporation, under an Administrative Order on Consent. TSI can be contacted at the addresses listed in the Attachment to this letter. Other PRPs who have received Notice letters are also listed in the Attachment. This list represents EPA's findings on the identities of PRPs to date. Inclusion on, or exclusion from, the list does not constitute a final determination by EPA concerning the liability of any party for the release or threat of release of hazardous substances at the Site. Be advised that notice of your potential liability at the Site is being forwarded to OCC by EPA.

Pursuant to CERCLA Section 113(k), EPA must establish an administrative record that contains documents that form the basis of EPA's decision on the selection of a response action for a site. The administrative record files, which contain the documents related to the response action selected for this Site are located at U.S. EPA, Region II, 290 Broadway, 18th floor. You may call the Records Center at (212) 637-4308 to make an appointment to view the administrative record for the Passaic River Study Area.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Mr. Winfield at (212) 637-4362 or Ms. Reddy at (212) 637-3106. Please note that all communications from attorneys should be directed to Ms. Reddy.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachment

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